

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method of playing a card game among a plurality of Players and a Banker, each Player wagering against the Banker. The method comprising the following steps:

- (a) providing and shuffling at least one standard poker deck of 52 cards plus at least one Joker;
- (b) each Player placing at least one wager of Poker Bet, Specified Pair Or Better Bet, Two Pair Or Better Bet, 3 Of A Kind Or Better Bet, Straight Or Better Bet, Flush Or Better Bet, Full House Or Better Bet and Bonus Bet;
- (c) dealing cards into enough dealt hands of six cards to provide a dealt hand for each Player and for the Banker;
- (d) determining which dealt hand is assigned to each Player and which dealt hand is assigned to the Banker;
- (e) from their own six-card dealt hand, each Player and the Banker each selecting and keeping his or her best 5-card poker hand and discarding one other card;
- (f) determining whether each Player's side-bet wager or wagers win or lose, if any;
- (g) settling any side-bet wagers of each Player against the Banker;
- (h) comparing each Player's best 5-card poker hand to the Banker's best 5-card poker hand according to the rankings selected for the Poker Bet game, wherein hands are ranked in descending order as follows: Royal Flush, 5 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 4 of a Kind, Full House, Flush, Straight, 3 of a Kind, Two Pair, One Pair and High Card; wherein Ace is the highest High Card, following by King, Queen, Jack, Ten, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3 and 2; wherein A2345 is the lowest Straight and that when it is suited, A2345 is the lowest Straight Flush;
- (i) determining whether each Player's Poker Bet wager wins, loses or ties, if any;
- (j) settling each Player's Poker Bet wager against the Banker.

2. The method of playing a card game according to claim 1, wherein the card game of the invention uses one standard poker deck of 52 cards plus two Jokers.

3. The method of playing a card game according to claim 1, wherein each Joker may be used as any card.

4. The method of playing a card game according to claim 1, wherein a Player's Specified Pair Or Better Bet wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is the specified pair, any pair that ranks higher than the specified pair, Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 5 of a Kind or Royal Flush; and this wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of the aforesaid winning hands.

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5. The method of playing a card game according to claim 4, wherein Specified Pair Or Better Bet pays Even Money, namely 1 to 1, on a hand of the specified pair, any pair that ranks higher than the specified pair, Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 5 of a Kind or Royal Flush.

6. The method of playing a card game according to claim 1, wherein a Player's Two Pair Or Better Bet wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 5 of a Kind or Royal Flush; this wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of the aforesaid winning hands.

7. The method of playing a card game according to claim 6, wherein Two Pair Or Better Bet pays Even Money, namely 1 to 1, on a hand of Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 5 of a Kind or Royal Flush.

8. The method of playing a card game according to claim 1, wherein a Player's 3 Of A Kind Or Better Bet wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 5 of a Kind or Royal Flush; and this wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of the aforesaid winning hands.

9. The method of playing a card game according to claim 8, wherein 3 Of A Kind Or Better Bet pays 3.5 to 1 on a hand of 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 5 of a Kind or Royal Flush.

10. The method of playing a card game according to claim 1, wherein a Player's Straight Or Better Bet wager wins if a Player's best 5-card poker hand is Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 5 of a Kind or Royal Flush; and this wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of the aforesaid winning hands.

11. The method of playing a card game according to claim 10, wherein Straight Or Better Bet pays 5 to 1 on a hand of Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 5 of a Kind or Royal Flush.

12. The method of playing a card game according to claim 10, wherein Straight Or Better Bet pays 200 to 1 on a hand of Royal Flush, 100 to 1 on a hand of 5 of a Kind, 50 to 1 on a hand of Straight Flush, 25 to 1 on a hand of 4 of a Kind, 4 to 1 on a hand of Full House, 3 to 1 on a hand of Flush, and 2 to 1 on a hand of Straight.

13. The method of playing a card game according to claim 1, wherein a Player's Flush Or Better Bet wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 5 of a Kind or Royal Flush; this wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of the aforesaid winning hands.

14. The method of playing a card game according to claim 13, wherein Flush Or Better Bet wager pays 10 to 1 on a hand of Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, Royal Flush or 5 Aces.

15. The method of playing a card game according to claim 13, wherein Flush Or Better Bet wager pays 200 to 1 on a hand of Royal Flush, 100 to 1 on a hand of 5 of a Kind, 50 to 1 on a hand of Straight Flush, 25 to 1 on a hand of 4 of a Kind, 6 to 1 on a hand of Full House, and 3 to 1 on a hand of Flush.

16. The method of playing a card game according to claim 1, wherein a Player's Poker Bet wager is settled against the Banker as follows: If the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks lower than the Banker's, this wager loses. If the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks the same as the Banker's, then the two hands tie and this wager neither wins nor loses. If the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks higher than the Banker's, this wager wins and is paid Even Money, namely 1 to 1, less a certain percent commission.

17. The method of playing a card game according to claim 1, wherein a Player's Poker Bet wager is settled against the Banker as follows: If the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks lower than the Banker's best 5-card poker hand, the Player's Poker Bet wager loses. If the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks the same as the Banker's, then the two hands tie and this wager neither wins nor loses. If the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks higher than the Banker's best 5-card poker hand, this wager wins and either is paid Even Money, namely 1 to 1, if the Banker's losing hand is not one of the predetermined hands that pays the Player's winning hand one half of the wager, or is paid one half of the wager, namely 1 to 2, if the Banker's losing hand is one of the predetermined hands that pays the Player winning hand one half of the wager.

18. The method of playing a card game according to claim 1, wherein a Player's Poker Bet wager is settled against the Banker as follows: If the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is 'not' one of predetermined qualifying hands, the Player's Poker Bet wager is a tie. If the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks lower than the Banker's and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is one of the predetermined qualifying hands, this wager loses. If the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks the same as the Banker's, and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is one of the predetermined qualifying hands, then the two hands tie and this wager neither wins nor loses. If the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks higher than the Banker's and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is one of the predetermined qualifying hands, this wager wins and is paid Even Money, namely 1 to 1.

19. The method of playing a card game according to claim 1, wherein a Player's Poker Bet wager is settled against the Banker as follows: If the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is 'not' one of predetermined qualifying hands, this wager wins and is paid one half of the wager. If the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks lower than the Banker's and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is one of the

predetermined qualifying hands, this wager loses. If the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks the same as the Banker's, and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is one of the predetermined qualifying hands, then the two hands tie and this wager neither wins nor loses. If the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks higher than the Banker's and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is one of the predetermined qualifying hands, this wager wins and is paid Even Money, namely 1 to 1.

20. A method of playing a card game among a plurality of Players and a Banker, each Player wagering against the Banker. The method comprising the following steps:

- (a) providing and shuffling at least one standard poker deck of 52, wherein either all Twos, all Threes, all Fours, all Fives, all Sixes, all Sevens, all Eights, all Nines, all Tens, all Jacks, all Queens, all Kings, or all Aces are Wild Cards;
- (b) each Player placing at least one wager of Poker Bet, Specified Pair Or Better Bet, Two Pair Or Better Bet, 3 Of A Kind Or Better Bet, Straight Or Better Bet, Flush Or Better Bet, Full House Or Better Bet and Bonus Bet;
- (c) dealing cards into enough dealt hands of six cards to provide a dealt hand for each Player and for the Banker;
- (d) determining which dealt hand is assigned to each Player and which dealt hand is assigned to the Banker;
- (e) from their own six-card dealt hand, each Player and the Banker each selecting and keeping his or her best 5-card poker hand and discarding one other card;
- (f) determining whether each Player's side-bet wager or wagers win or lose, if any;
- (g) settling any side-bet wagers of each Player against the Banker; comparing each Player's best 5-card poker hand to the Banker's best 5-card poker hand according to the rankings selected for the Poker Bet game, wherein hands are ranked in descending order as follows: Royal Flush, 5 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 4 of a Kind, Full House, Flush, Straight, 3 of a Kind, Two Pair, One Pair and High Card; wherein Ace is the highest High Card, following by King, Queen, Jack, Ten, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3 and 2; wherein A2345 is the lowest Straight and that when it is suited, A2345 is the lowest Straight Flush;
- (h) determining whether each Player's Poker Bet wager wins, loses or ties, if any;
- (i) settling each Player's Poker Bet wager against the Banker.

21. The method of playing a card game according to claim 20, wherein each Wild Card may be used as any card.